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Sir:

This submittal is responsive to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment dated April 24, 2003.

In the referenced notice, the Examiner noted that a substitute declaration, correcting the defects set forth in the prior Office Action, had not been submitted. Attached hereto is a suitable substitute declaration.

Additionally, attached hereto is a Terminal Disclaimer, which should overcome the double patenting rejections of record.

Since all remaining issues are believed to have been resolved, Applicants respectfully submit that this submittal places the subject application in condition for allowance. Early notification of same is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below, should any further questions or issues need USSN 09/226,418 May 23, 2003 Page 2

to be resolved.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any fees necessary in connection with this response to Deposit Account No. 13-5135.

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